

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figure 2. This sheet replaces the original sheet including Fig. 2. In Fig. 2, Element 62, "PUMPKIN" was incorrectly spelled "PUMKIN". The replacement sheet for Fig. 2 corrects this error.

Attachments: 1 Replacement Sheet

1 Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 and 27-31 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Applicant's representative acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 10-13 and 30-31 would be allowed if incorporated into the base claim including any intervening claims. Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite allowable limitations from claim 12 along with intervening claim 4. It was not necessary to incorporate intervening claim 8 into claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claim 12 into the base claim, because claims 1 and 4 provide sufficient antecedent basis for the limitations of claim 12. Independent claim 27 has been amended to recite allowable limitations from claim 30. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 13, 29, and 31 have also been amended to correct minor informalities as shown at pp. 5-10 of the Reply. Claims 4, 12, and 30 have been cancelled. In addition, the specification has been amended to correct minor informalities as indicated at pp. 2-4. Furthermore, Figure 2 has been amended to correct minor informalities as indicated at p. 5.

The herein amendments to the claims and specification are believed to make the rejections of the subject claims moot – accordingly, withdrawal of these rejections and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

CONCLUSION


The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [MSFTP157US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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Attachments

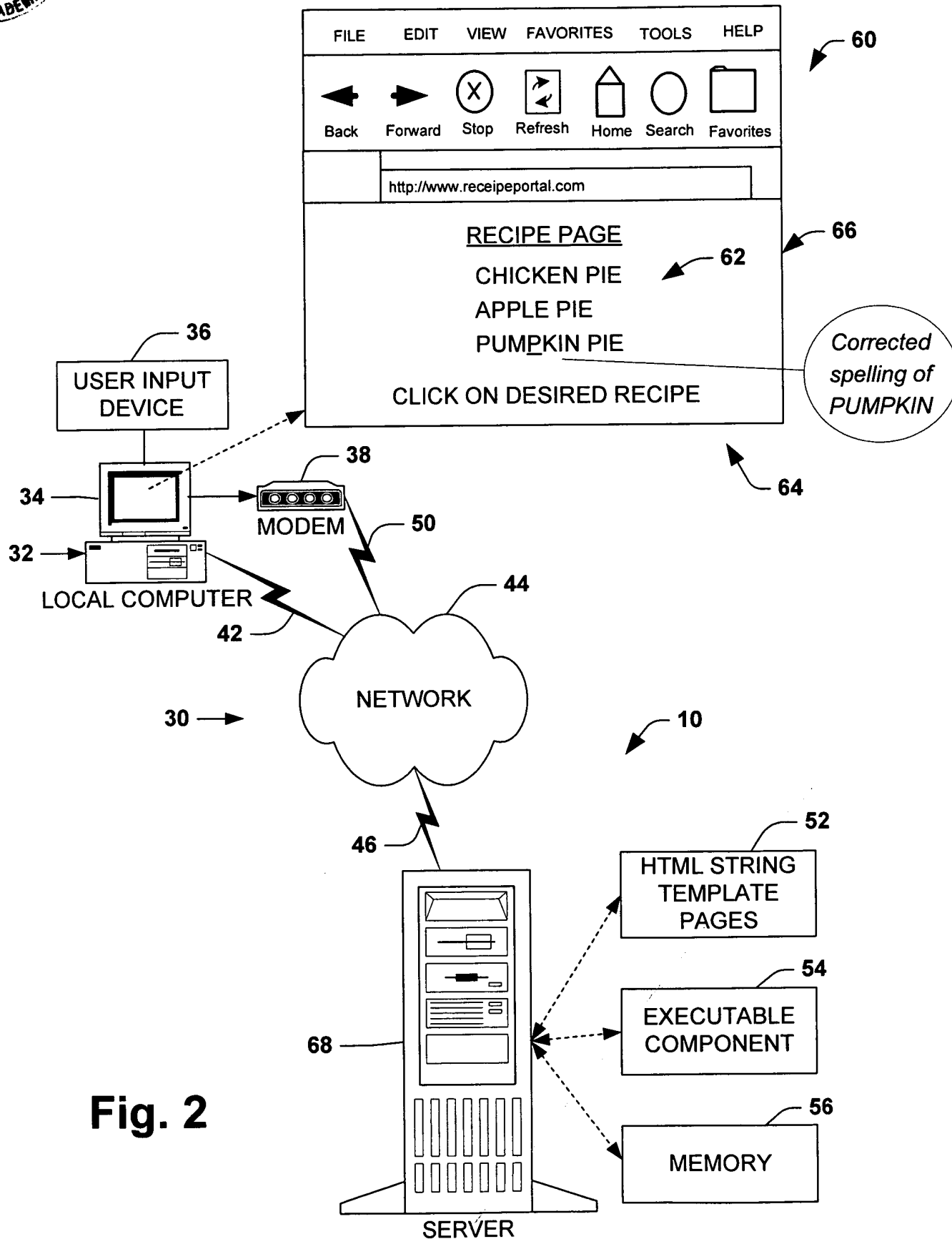


Fig. 2